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THIS IS COUNTRY TEAM MESSAGE

1. ON BASIS STILL FRAGMENTARY INFORMATION I HAVE FORMED TENTATIVE INPRESSION THAT COUP WAS TRIGGERED THIS MORNING BY SMALL ARMY GROUP NOT REPEAT NOT INCLUDING HIGH COMMAND, KING OR CIVILIAN POLITICAL LEADERS. SERVICE CHIEFS OF STAFF, FACED WITH QUESTION OF WHETHER THEY WOULD COOPERATE, ALL APPEAR TO TO BE JOINED AND TO BE ACTIVELY PARTICIPATING IN PLANNING NEXT STEPS. MILITARY COMMAND SEEMS UNITED AND NOW FULLY COMMITTED TO COUP. KING ALSO APPEARS NO LONGER TO FEAR POSSIBLE ARREST AS HE DID WHEN DEFENSE ATTACHE TALKED WITH HIM AT 0415 LOCAL TIME BUT RATHER TO HAVE JOINED WITH MILITARY LEADERSHIP IN CONSIDERING WHERE TO GO NEXT. PRESUMABLY HE WAS ASKED ABOUT MILITARY LEADERSHIP AND ALL HAVE EMPHASIZED

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THEIR FIDELITY TO KING AND TO NATO.

2. WE HAVE BEEN TOLD MOST MEMBERS OF KANELLOPOULOS GOVERNMENT IN PROTECTIVE CUSTODY. ANDREAS PAPANDREOU REPORTED IN LOCAL MILITARY PRISON.

3. BECAUSE WE HAD HEARD RUMORS THAT SOME POLITICAL PRISONERS MIGHT SUFFER HARM, I HAD CHIEF JUSMAGG AND DEFENSE ATTACHE CALL ON GENERAL PAPADATOS TO CONVEY MESSAGES ANY SUCH ACTIONS WOULD GREATLY INCREASE COMPLICATIONS OF ALREADY COMPLICATED SITUATION.

4. SO FAR AS WE KNOW, ATHENS, THESSALONIKI, CRETE AND ALL OTHER PARTS OF THE COUNTRY ARE QUIET NOW.

5.I SEE NO PRESENT INDICATION OF RESISTENCE TO THE COUP.

GP-3. TALBOT
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